

HOUSE BILL 3779

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
Chapter 7, relative to health insurance carriers'
payment policies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1013(c), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subsection:

A health insurance carrier shall not require notification of a hospital admission within less than one (1) business day following a patient's admission or within less than one (1) business day following the hospital's determining the identity of a patient and the corresponding insurance coverage for such patient. A health insurance carrier shall not assess a penalty against or reduce contractual payments to a hospital if notification of the hospital admission is received by the health insurance carrier within the time frames established above.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.